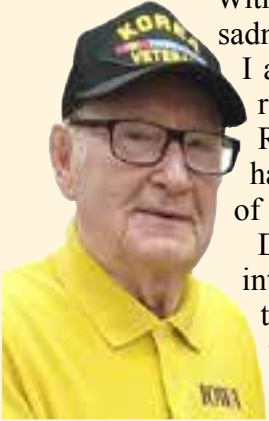


From The Desk of Eric V. Thran Thursday, February 15, 2024 4:00 PM



Bob Thran

With a mixture of profound sadness and deepest respect I am writing to share with readers that my father, Robert Richard Thran, has passed away at the age of 94.

Dad was always greatly interested in people and the historical aspects of the times in which they lived. I learned to share his interest in historical perspectives early

because of the light they cast on our own lifetimes. Over the years we traveled to many scenic and historic places. Once we'd acquired a few photos we'd visit the nearest cemetery to read the unique backstory it would tell us.

Today, Dad himself has become a part of the Readlyn history he's been reporting to us from his recollections and research. I hope you've enjoyed reading "Readlyn, Long Ago" as I have. The stories in Bob Thran's writings illustrate that the true greatness of a community like Readlyn is a testament to the character of its residents.



Work continues on new RESB project

Big thanks to those who have donated this last month to the Readlyn Emergency Services Building: Jessica Block, Larry and Vicki Pavelec, In Memory of Evelyn Strottmann, and Sherry and John Tiedt.

The buildings are down at the future site! On January 18, Readlyn Fire was able to complete a controlled burn of the remaining structures in the rain. There are some things still onsite that did not go up in the blaze and will be getting removed.

Grumpy's is offering to donate \$5 for every specialty dine-in pizza purchased on Wednesdays. Thank you Grumpy's for your continued support!



Planning continues for the all-vehicle poker ride coming up April 27. We are accepting item donations to auction or raffle at the upcoming Poker Ride. If you're interested in donating something please message one of our Facebook pages or send an email to Readlynfire@gmail.com.

Watch the Readlyn Fire & Readlyn EMS Facebook pages as well as the *Readlyn Chronicle* for more information coming soon regarding already planned fundraising events as well as future opportunities.

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Books donated to RCC

Shari and Joe Anderson promote literacy with their festively decorated Little Free Library. The green bag in the foreground is full of books they are donating to Readlyn Community Club's (RCC's) collection of books for newborns to second graders. RCC, in turn, will donate them to Helping Hands. (Read RCC's minutes on page 3 for details.) Thank you, Shari and Joe.



\$5,000 donation accepted for rural rescue response trailer

Fairbank Fire and EMS are recognizing Oran Mutual Telephone Company on their amazing \$5000 donation to our Rural Rescue Response Trailer. We are so grateful to have local organizations like OMTC who support our volunteer Fire and EMS service. We have reached the \$50,000 mark in our mission to purchase and equip the R3. Left to right are Barb Gruetzmacher, Corrine Shares (OMTC Office Managers), Janice Martins (Fairbank Fire and EMS, R3 Committee Chair), John Reith (OMTC Board President), Rick Trotter (OMTC Board Vice President).



Mark McElhose retires after 25 years

The Readlyn Fire Department would like to recognize Mark McElhose on his retirement from the Readlyn Fire Department. Mark served the community for 25 years on the department, and was recently recognized for his service by receiving a plaque from the fire department; as shown above, where Readlyn Fire Chief Randy Kleitsch (left) presented Mark (right) with his 25 year plaque. Thank you for everything you've done to the community and fire department, Mark!



Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

Size of a new pacemaker (not the cost).



Well, this year didn't start out the way I expected. After my stents in November, I kept running out of air and wore a heart monitor for two weeks. After waiting another week for my appointment, my new doctor said you are getting a pacemaker today. The monitor graph showed my heart would stop for up to three seconds about every third beat. Dr. Abrich brought out a pacemaker sample kit. He showed me the older one that is implanted inside the shoulder with wires to your heart, but said you are getting this new one. I said, "Great, let's get-r-done. When do you want to do this?" He told me in about 4 hours and don't worry, it will be fun. This pacemaker attaches to your heart. They go through the groin up to your heart with a catheter, push a button to make the hooks straighten out, deploy it into the heart, and bring the hooks back until it attaches. All done in a few minutes, but it wasn't that much fun. A Bluetooth device monitors my heart and won't let it drop below 45 bpm. It's amazing and I guess we'll see

if it works. The battery is supposed to last 17 years and they can put up to three in the heart. Good to go on that.

With the pacemaker working, we started going to basketball games again. Now this is fun watching the kids grow and get better. After leaving a game in Sumner in the fog doing 45 mph, BAM, a doe ran out of the fog and we hit it dead center with Louie's car. There was plastic flying everywhere, \$8,154 worth of it. Luckily, the lights all worked, the radiator wasn't leaking, and the airbags didn't inflate, so we were lucky to drive the car home. Whenever I need bodywork for my vehicles, I go to Davik's in Denver. He does great work and has cars to rent while the work is being done.

We were supposed to help at the high school concession stand with the Readlyn Community Club but so many showed up we weren't needed and were able to go to another basketball game. From what I hear, they had a lot of fun.

Feeling better is great. Roger Deterding called and asked if I wanted to have some fun. I said you betcha. We went and got cans out of the bins. It's always a good time. Volunteers are always welcome.

Our weather isn't bad at all but there's no snow to move. We are heading out to Phoenix to soak up some sunshine and look up Readlyn friends and some relatives.

Readlyn Grump 2023 - Ron Hartman

Readlyn City Council - Feb. 12, 2024

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Franck, Keith Brunscheon, Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve minutes from the January 8 and 17, 2024 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve bills presented for payment. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve treasurer and clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve budget and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Kwik Trip, Inc dba Kwik Star beer and Sunday Sales license renewal. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2024-01 entitled "RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2024-01 duly adopted.

Council received all update on items completed on the punch list for the Main Street Reconstruction project. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve pay request #8 to Dave Schmitt Construction, Inc in the amount of \$78,332.15. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve needed electrical compliance repairs as noted in our recent TUB Inspection Report. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

FY24/25 budget was discussed with council. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve changing the regular March 2024 council meeting to Monday, March 4, 2024. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno setting March 25, 2024 at 6:00PM as the date and time for the FY24/25 Proposed Tax Levy public hearing, special meeting. Second special meeting will follow at 6:30PM on March 25, 2024. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the recent EBRRA meeting.

Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation board meeting. Discussion on possible acquisition of property at 110 Briggs Ave, Readlyn, IA.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk



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Readlyn Community Club meets, sets dates for Grump Days 2024 and more

February 7, 2024, Readlyn Library, back meeting room. Michelle Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:08.

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Hailey Broten, Louie Hartman, Tiffany McCumber, Bonnie Wittenburg, Kristie Boeis, Dustin Palmer, Ron Leistikow, Kira Stover, Lynn Ott, and Pat Wehr

Secretary's Report: It was emailed to all members Monday, February 5, 2024. Moved by Hailey and seconded by Tiffany to accept the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Hailey presented a hard copy. CDs have been purchased. Moved by Ed and seconded by Bonnie to accept the report. Passed unanimously. Ron recommended putting \$6,000 into a CD for the *Chronicle*. Louie and Ron will go to the bank to look into it plus address the lockbox issue.

Lynn Ott

• Lynn will be in charge of the craft vendors, collect fees, and write one check to the RCC.

• Michelle will talk to Kat Moyer about being a vendor.

• Kim Brown will have tea bombs at the gazebo again.

Old Business:

• According to the elementary principal, Alyson Forsyth, basketball hoops do need to be replaced; Goalsetter is recommended. Other suggested items include slide on rollers, a handicapped swing, volleyballs, frisbees, jump ropes, basketballs, kickballs, and sidewalk chalk. Michelle will approach the Readlyn Foundation about securing a grant

for park improvements.

• Michelle is on the March City Council agenda regarding decorating Main Street, approval for Grump Days' insurance premium and dates, fireworks, and basketball hoops for the City Park.

Annual Meeting

• April 5; Michelle will check with Mike on details and setting up at 4:00.

• Louie presented a pamphlet.

• Grump candidates by March 1. We'll prepare pamphlets for mailing at our March meeting.

• A QR code on the pamphlet to make reservations, vote, and pay.

• Tiffany will make poster boards advertising our events.

• Kira and Bonnie will do bingo and collect prizes around town.

• Annual meeting dinner: Pasta bar with spaghetti and meatballs, chicken alfredo, Caesar salad and breadstick.

• Hailey, Bonnie, John and Kristie are in charge of the Annual Meeting.

Hailey said that Roger reported that can collection is doing fine.

New Business: Helping Hands is looking for new and gently used newborn - 2nd grade books.

• The books plus volleyballs, frisbees, jump ropes, basketballs, kickballs, and sidewalk chalk will be collected at the Annual Meeting and collection boxes.

• Hailey will look into purchasing four totes.

• Tiffany and Hailey will create a poster.

Easter Egg Hunt, March 30, 10:00, at the City Park

• Jessica Anderson will be in charge.

• Fire station is available in case of rain.

• No dogs

• Ed will do the sound system.

RCC generic volunteer shirts. Tiffany will look into it.

Concession stand at Wapsie:

• Volunteer 6:30 – 9 when needed.

• Kwik Star will provide a warmer if Wapsie Schools buy the pizzas from them.

Grump Days 2024

• Theme for 2024 – we'll ask for suggestions on Facebook.

• Michelle has booked the art teacher Mrs. Faust from Wapsie High School to do face painting.

• Kyle Schores would like to acknowledge who is receiving funds from the Readlyn Foundation before the announcing of the queens at Grump Days.

• Bed races – Ron has two frames available.

• Ron and Judy Leistikow will sponsor the Balloon Man; 4-8 on Friday as well as bingo.

• Little Grumpster: Kristi will be in charge and Tiffany and Bonnie will help.

• Connect 4

• Hailey will check on the firemen's dunk tank.

• Tiffany will check on aluminum plates one to ten for the cake walk.

• Kids in the Park: Kira is interested in helping.

• Louie will check with the bank regarding the treasure sand pit.

• Food Vendors: Nick Kuker

• Queens: Bonnie, Kira, and Pat

• Parade: Louie

• Music: Mitch Boevers and Nick

Toby on Saturday

• Spike Ball: Bruce Piehl

• Set up: Ron Hartman will check with Sumner regarding lumber.

• Flyers and advertisement:

• Golf Carts: Pat – 10. Headlights?

Firemen's Poker Run donation April 27 will be a Blackstone griddle with cover and propane and Steege gift card.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, library, 6:00.

Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Hailey that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously.

Deadline for the March 27 Chronicle is Thurs., March 14 at 5 PM

Send news items to: readlynchronicle@gmail.com



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We'd like to hear from the community! Are there services you'd be interested in receiving? Programs you'd like to see at the Library? We want to hear from you! Shoot us an email at readlynlib@gmail.com and give us your wish list!



What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to billhorn@rtc279.com

Fruit Pizza

Submitted by Alyson Forsyth

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter/margarine

Mix and spread onto 2 greased and floured pizza pans or 1 jelly roll pan (15x11). Bake for 10-15 minutes @ 325 degrees. Remove and cool.

Mix below ingredients and spread onto crust:

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- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar

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The Dunkerton Methodist Church's Spring Event will be held April 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM. The topic is Monarch Butterflies. More details will come in March. All are welcome!

Readlyn Grump Committee meets

Ron Leistikow called the Grump committee to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Present were Roger & Marlys Deterding, Roland Schmidt, Charlie Albrecht, Ron Kohagen, Larry Ladage, Larry Pavelec, Don Billhorn, Ron & Louie Hartman, and Ron Leistikow.

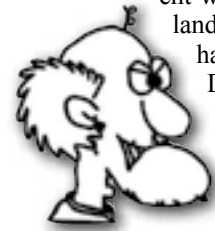
The Grump candidate process was discussed. It was reiterated that the age has been lowered from 65 to 62. Candidates will be contacted about a short write-up and picture due March 8. Grump Days will be held June 14-16. Readlyn is 120 years old this summer, having been established in 1904. The 125th birthday will be celebrated with a larger event.

It was voted to keep the original, copyrighted Grump head logo. The Grumps are invited to ride on Leistikow's trailer in the 10 a.m. parade, Saturday, June 15. Meet at St. Matthew's parking lot.

Thank you to Larry Pavelec for ordering and donating the Grump candidate visors and Grump fedora.

The Grump committee officers will stay the same with Ron Leistikow as Chair, Larry Sauerbrei as Vice-Chair and Louie Hartman as Secretary.

Marlys Deterding moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Kohagen. Minutes submitted by Louie Hartman.



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VITA is geared toward people who generally make \$64,000 a year or less, have a disability, are elderly, or have limited English skills. These tax prep sites help Iowans take advantage of child care tax credits and the earned income tax credit. The volunteers will also help disabled or elderly individuals complete the application needed to participate in the Iowa Rent Reimburse-

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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Bremer County, Iowa, acting as trustees on behalf of Drainage District No. 5 in said county has employed Collin Klingbeil of Jacobson-Westergard & Associates as an engineer to determine the feasibility or the necessity of having repairs, and/or improvements, all concerning the drainage facil-

ities of Drainage District No. 5 in order to provide adequate drainage and relief for the lands included in said Drainage District No. 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Trustees requested that said engineer make a preliminary survey and investigation of the possible repairs/improvements of Drainage District No. 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that drainage engineer Collin Klingbeil has filed his report with the Auditor of Bremer County in which he recommends certain repairs, and/or improvements. That the engineer's estimate for the costs of the proposed repairs/ improvements, are as follows:

ESTIMATED TOTAL DISTRICT COST
 Option 1: Re-Route Tile as an Improvement \$653,000
 Option 2: Re-Route Tile as a Repair \$582,000

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Engineer's Report and recommendations in full are on file in the office of the Bremer County Auditor at the Courthouse in Waverly, Iowa, and on the County's website at <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/drainage> for your information. Electronic copies of the report may be obtained via email by contacting the Auditor's office at jbremner@co.bremmer.ia.us. You are encouraged to review the report prior to the date set for hearing in this notice. Said reports have been reviewed and considered by the Trustees and they have been tentatively approved as the Trustees have determined that the repairs and/or improvements are necessary and feasible. The Engineer's Report also contains the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Right of Way. If the report recommends, or it is later determined, acquisition of additional right of way for this project may be considered at this hearing or a continuation thereof.
2. Annexation. That at a later date an annexation of additional lands may be considered by the Trustees, if needed.
3. Reclassification. That the Trustees have ordered a reclassification with appropriate adjustment of assessments.
4. Interest Rate and Waivers. The Trustees will also consider the appropriate interest to charge and determine the length of time that assessments may be paid of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) years and the interest rate for this project.

For further particulars you are referred to the Engineer's Report for Drainage District No. 5 now on file in the office of the Bremer County Auditor.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Bremer County, acting as Trustees on behalf of Drainage District No. 5 has fixed a time and place of hearing on said report and proposed repairs/improvements, for March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Readlyn Elementary School, 200 E 4th St, Readlyn, Iowa. At said hearing the Trustees shall hear objections to the feasibility of such repairs, improvements, and of the drainage district as may be presented by and for any landowner in the district. The report of the engineer as filed herein may be amended before final action is taken thereon by the Trustees. This hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice as determined by the Trustees.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE ENGINEER'S REPORT OR TO ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING MUST BE IN WRITING AND FILED WITH THE BREMER COUNTY AUDITOR AT OR BEFORE THE TIME FIXED FOR HEARING. Any interested party may be heard in an argument by himself or by counsel. Anyone who fails to object in writing shall be held to have waived all objections and claims for damages. Any interested party may file a written supporting statement with the Auditor, at or before the date for hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Trustees can make a final decision to make repairs, improvements, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

This notice is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Bremer County, Iowa, acting as Trustees on behalf of Drainage District No. 5.

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Readlyn Senior Citizens meet

On January 24, 2024, 21 members attended the 11:30 Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow and he also led us in prayer before our meal.

A birthday for the month of January was Shirley Kuker celebrating her 85th birthday. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to her. We also welcomed her as a new member. There were no anniversaries to celebrate in the month of January.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$272.00. A motion was made by Larry Pavelec and seconded by Larry Ladage to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by Millie Crawford for the month of December 20, 2024. The date on the minutes indicated our meeting was going to be on January 17, 2024 but it got moved to January 24, 2024 because of weather. A motion was made by Judy Leistikow and seconded by Alice Soldwisch to approve the corrected secretary's minutes from December 20, 2024. Motion carried.

Old Business: Names of Grump candidates for 2024 are needed by March so they can be put in the *Chronicle* paper. **New Business:** The pop cans were collected from the recycling center in Read-

lyn. The last load had \$700.00 that was collected, but the persons working on this request no glass bottles be put with the cans. Thank You!

The Denver Legion is getting a new elevator. The Denver Legion is still needing \$100,000.00 to complete the project. There will be a Fish Fry at the Legion on Friday, January 26 from 5 to 7 PM as a fundraiser.

Ron Leistikow asked for a motion for the Senior Citizens to donate \$100.00 to the *Readlyn Chronicle* out of the Senior Citizens account. Mary Chapin made a motion to do this and Larry Pavelec seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held February 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM at the Tripoli Bowling Alley.

Mary Lou Billhorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alice Soldwisch seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Millie Crawford, Acting Secretary

Next pepper tourney March 2 at Grumpy's

The pepper tournament was February 3 at Grumpy's with 16 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

1st: Suzy Heineman and Shirley Kuker - 210

2nd: Connie and Roger Buhr - 193

3rd: Grace Kuethe and Barb Meyer - 184

4th: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 153

Thanks for playing! The next tournament will be at Grumpy's on Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner!

~College News~

Upper Iowa University announces Fall 2023 Dean's List

FAYETTE, IA (01/11/2024)-- Upper Iowa University has announced the Dean's List for the 2023 Fall Semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Students from this area named to the list were:

Readlyn: Keisha Pullin, Lydia Imbrogno and Dawson Schmit

Fairbank: Kaci Beesecker

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (February 13, 2024) - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2023 semester.

Named to the list from Readlyn was Hannah Knight, Forensic Investigation Bachelor of Science degree.

College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50 to be named to the dean's list.



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News from Community Lutheran School



The three-year-old preschool class visited the Readlyn Post Office Feb. 9 to mail letters to their homes. Thank you Post Master Jennifer and all of the mail carriers for serving our community and your kindness! We appreciate you!

The first and second grade students celebrated the 100th day of school by building with 100 marshmallows!



We love our sunny days at school this February! The kids are enjoying recess without bulky coats, gloves and boots! (photo at left)

The fourth and fifth grade girls' basketball team has enjoyed playing other area teams every Saturday at Tripoli. We are proud of you Wildcats! Thank you to Coach John Schutte and Coach Megan Schutte for your time and dedication helping these young athletes learn to work as a team! Thank you families and fans for your support! Glory to God!





hunting season, another buck will more than likely take over the area as there's probably a good reason it was being utilized. Also, look for scrapes on the ground along the way. If you have rubs and scrapes along a deer trail, follow it until you get into thick area, or where it stops, and you will more than likely have found his bedding area and the pieces of the puzzle will start to come together.

Once you've established feeding and bedding, start to walk the trails leading in and out and look for places that the terrain features pinch everything down to up your odds of a close shot opportunity this fall. Once I narrow that down, I will go as far as finding the perfect tree to hang a treestand and waypoint it on my GPS.

The reason I waypoint it is, once you go into late summer/early fall, everything will look different. But you will know full well how it will look come October through your spring scouting. So, before the vegetation starts growing and the leaves start to

bud on the trees, hit the woods and find your areas where you might just get that big buck in the fall of 2024!!

Until next time GET OUTDOORS!



“Starting the 2024 Hunting Season Now”

By Eric Johnston

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With this month's title most of you would think I'm talking about getting ready for Iowa's spring turkey seasons. And, while that is on my mind along with spring fishing on its way, what I'm talking about is getting your 2024 deer season started now!

Wait.... It's late February, Eric.... Whatever do you mean??? In this month's article, I'll break it down for you.

As you are reading this, it's late February and signs of spring are all around us. Robins in our yards, red-winged black birds on the fence lines, and plentiful waterfowl using the Wapsi to make their annual spring migration north. While this gets me in full gear for fishing and turkey hunting, it also brings a level of excitement of thinking of the fall ahead. I know I may sound crazy, but not a day goes by that I don't think about bowhunting white-tails and how to make my time in the woods more successful.

This is the time of year that I

can make my road map and start a plan for that big buck come fall.

As the snow melts, it opens up a preserved time capsule, so to speak, of everything that happened in your hunting area the previous fall. Shed antler hunting continues to gain popularity across the country, and, while I love to find sheds, they have become more of a bonus while spring scouting than a purpose. If I'm dedicated to strictly shed hunting, I will approach the woods much differently than I do scouting. I find most of my shed antlers in bedding areas and in fields where they feed. My purpose with spring scouting is to try to figure out how bucks traveled, fed, bedded, rubbed, scraped, and where they lived in October and November. I'm not all that interested in where they lived in February and shed their antlers.

With that being said, I start by looking at aerial photos of the particular property I'm scouting to hunt. I want to first search out the food source and the thicker bedding areas. Most of your bowhunting, except for a few weeks in late October and early November, will be done on a bedding/feeding travel pattern.

Once I've established that, I look for pinch points in terrain and areas where the natural terrain will funnel deer movement. These can be areas such as creek crossings, river bends where it decreases the amount of timber next to open ground, edges, and fence crossings. After I've found all this on my ONx mapping app, I put on the boots and start walking.

This time of year is so much fun to scout, as you don't need to worry about pushing deer out of your area because hunting season is months away. You can plunge right into that bedding area that you couldn't last fall in worries of spooking the deer. I will start at the food source and follow trails that lead back into the bedding areas. Along the way, I look for last fall's rubs along these trails. It's fun to dream about the buck that possibly made the rubs on trees when you find a big tree that was rubbed. It's also a useful tool in narrowing down where to ambush a buck next season.

If you find multiple rubs along a trail, there's a great chance that the same buck will use it in the coming fall as deer are very habitual creatures. If he didn't make it through last

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News from Wapsie Valley Schools



Wapsie Valley FFA visits Iowa Capitol

By Chapter Reporter, Kylie Strottmann

In preparation for National FFA Week, the Iowa FFA Association hosted their 39th Annual Legislative Symposium on Tuesday, January 30.

The symposium is sponsored in part by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation. This event is designed to build character and to promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism. More than 800 FFA members from across the state gathered at the capitol to learn about the legislative process, discuss agricultural issues and promote Agricultural Education and FFA.

The day's events included comments from Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President, Brent Johnson and Jake Sawnsen from High Yield Strategies.

Members of the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter that attended the event were Addisyn McElhose, Kylie Strottmann, Miriam Rulapaugh, Noah Richards, Andrew Matthias, Madyson Richards, Ella Schares and Lily Schwickerath.

The Wapsie Valley chapter of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is shown above for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for Family and Consumer Sciences Education. This organization is a group of 7th through 12th grade students who focus on community service and leadership skills through Family and Consumer Sciences topics and activities. Adviser for the group is Jenni Gross, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.



Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter from Fairbank visited the Capitol to meet with their local representatives and tour the historic building. Pictured from left to right are Rep. Charley Thomson, Andrew Matthias, Noah Richards, Miriam Rulapaugh, Ella Schares, Lily Schwickerath, Kylie Strottmann, Addisyn McElhose and Madyson Richards.



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